

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. and O. steamer *Gladie*, with the next American mail, left San Francisco on the 17th August, and may be expected here to-day, the 14th instant.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. and O. steamer *Nizam*, with the next outward English mail, left Singapore at 5 p.m. on the 10th, and may be expected here on the morning of the 16th instant.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The authorised List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is always corrected to a much later hour than that given

below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE

For Yokohama.—Per *Stentor*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Manila.—Per *Esmeralda*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Chinkiang*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Swatow and Amoy.—Per *Cheong Hock Kian*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 3.30 p.m.
For Hoihow and Pakhoi.—Per *Hainan*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 5 p.m.
For Bangkok.—Per *Consolation*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 5 p.m.

For Saigon.—Per *Pernambuco*, to-morrow, the 15th instant, at 4.30 P.M.
For Haiphong, Pakhoi, and Haiphong.—Per *Ping-on*, on Thursday, the 16th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Japan, via Kobe.—Per *Niigata-Maru*, on Friday, the 17th instant, at 5 P.M.

His Excellency the Governor is pleased to

order, under Section XII. of the Post Office Ordinance, 1876, that the Late Fee charged on Correspondence posted after certain hours for Europe, America, the Australian Colonies, Shanghai, &c., shall be 10 Cents, instead of 18 as hitherto.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.
The British Contract Packet "KHIVA" will be despatched on **SATURDAY**, the 18th September, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, *via* Brindisi; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies:

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet "FEIHO" will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 25th instant, with Mails to and through the United

Kingdom and Europe, *via* Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (*via* Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

**HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT
MAILS.**

THE ENGLISH MAIL.—DAY OF DEPARTURE.
Noon, Money Order Office closes.
2 P.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of
all printed matter and patterns ceases.
3 P.M., Mails closed, except for Late Letters.
3.10 P.M., Letters may be posted with Late
Fee of 10 cents until
3 P.M. Daily.

3.30 P.M., when the Post Office closes entirely,
3.30 P.M., Late Letters may be posted on board
the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until
time of departure.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

SATURDAY—
5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office

closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.

MONDAY—

7 A.M., Post Office opens.

10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.

11 30 A.M., Mail closes for Late Letters.

11.10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.
11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 Cents until time of departure.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES

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PACKET.**
The United States Mail Packet "GAELIC" will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 24th inst., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—
2.15 P.M. Registry ceases

2.30 P.M. Post Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.. Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay, cannot be sent by this

REGULATIONS AS TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.

1.—Privates in H.M. Army or Navy. Non-commissioned Officers,* Army Schoolmasters not Superintending or First Class) or School-

2.—The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned

3.—All such letters prepaid at the former rate of two cents (one penny) will be forwarded to or from the United Kingdom by private steamer and not by the mail packets.

5.—The letters must not exceed half an ounce. No handkerchiefs, jewellery, &c., can be sent, even with the ends open.

6.—If from a Soldier or Sailor his class and description must be stated in full on the letter, the cover of which must be signed by the Com-

7.—If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class and description, with name of regiment, ship, &c., must be stated in full.

repaid with Imperial Stamps.
 * But not Warrant Officers, viz.—Assistant Engineer, Gunner, Boatswain, or Carpenter.

STAMP OFFICE.
 The above Office being now provided with a
 cent die, Books of Receipts, Rent Collectors'

books, &c., can be stamped beforehand in the same manner as Cheque Books. Loose receipt forms can also be stamped if required.

TEA MUSTERS.
Persons who send Masters of Tea through the Post in Tins are requested to have them

side flat or square instead of round, as it is impossible to pack round tins securely in the mail bags. It is believed that the tea will travel more safely in flat tins, which are not so liable to round ones to be bulged in.

4 by 3 by $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches is suggested as a good size. The tins should not have sharp corners.

A Pillar Box has been established at the West
 end Police Station (opposite the Sailors'
 Home), and another at the South front of the
 Harbour Department.
 The hours of clearance are as follow:—

	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Police Station	10.0	1.0	1.0
Harbour Department	10.0	1.0	1.0

Post Point	10.00	2.00	4.15
Harbour Department	10.15	2.15	4.00
There arrive at the Post Office	10.30*	2.30*	4.45*
Correspondence of all kinds posted in either			
box before the first clearance on mail day will			
be in time for the Homeward Mail.			
All correspondence for Hongkong will be de-			

Residents who keep a postage account with the Office may post local correspondence in these boxes without stamps, provided the sender's name or recognised device appears on each article.

When it is desired to forward letters to the

the States by a sailing ship which is not noted as carrying a mail, it is only necessary to put the letters in the ordinary way, marked with the name of the ship, and prepaid 8 cents half pence as usual. This Office then undertakes the duty of obtaining notice of departure and despatching the correspondence. It is re-

stated that the letters be posted if possible at
at one day before the date fixed for sailing.

